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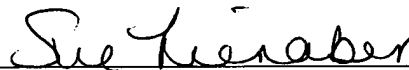
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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I hereby certify that this document is being sent via First Class U. S. mail addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P. O Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 27 day of February 2006.


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 7, 2005, for which reconsideration is requested, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.